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We're still here, EMD workers tell Tory MPs

Electro-Motive workers picket outside Conservative benefit Union leader says contract talks remain at a standstill

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The number of days Electro-Motive Diesel employees have been locked out of the locomotive plant on Oxford Street East.

As Conservative leaders and their supporters settled into a minimum $150-per-person benefit on Tuesday, locked-out Electro-Motive Diesel workers were on hand to make their voices heard.

"Don't choke on your dinner" and "I'll take the leftovers" were a couple of the taunts shouted as vehicles made their way through a swarm of workers at the Windermere Road gates of the University of Western Ontario's Spencer Leadership Centre.

Earlier in the day, officials of the Canadian Auto Workers said they had hoped to get a bit of face time with London North Centre MP Susan Truppe, the event organizer.

She was nowhere to be found as the dinner — which featured guest speaker MP Maxime Bernier, minister of state for small business and tourism — got underway and the rally broke up.

That's OK, workers got their message across loud and clear, said Tim Carrie, president of CAW Local 27, which represents Electro-Motive employees.

"We just wanted to make sure that Susan Truppe and other Conservative supporters recognize that we're here ... and we don't want people to forget the fact that while they're in there having a $150-a-plate dinner that we've got workers here that are worrying about food for their families," Carrie said.

Union leaders from all levels have criticized Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other Conservatives for not getting involved in the labour dispute at Electro-Motive. Some party members have openly said that the government doesn't have a role in such affairs.

"Electro-Motive workers live in her riding, and I would think as an elected official ... she has an obligation to step up on behalf of her constituents," Carrie said, referring to Truppe.

More labour actions are planned this week when Caterpillar — Electro-Motive's parent company — is set to release its fourth-quarter 2011 results, Carrie said.

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▶ Locked out Electro-Motive Diesel worker Ian Jones, 54, of London, right, offers a flyer Tuesday evening as a vehicle enters the University of Western Ontario's Spencer Leadership Centre. About 30 members of the Canadian Auto Workers and their supporters rallied outside the centre for more than an hour to send a message to people attending a benefit for London North Centre MP Susan Truppe.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Roadshow is back in LONDON

TERRY TINKLER
Canadian Collectors Roadshow Staff Writer

After very successful shows in Newmarket and Peterborough, the roadshow is now coming to London. So you had better search through your attics and garages, go through your lock boxes and jewellery, because you may be sitting on a small fortune and not even know it! Roadshow experts are here to examine all your antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

Local Roadshow Expert Examines Some Gold Jewellery

During a show near Toronto, a woman came in with a jewellery box that she had just inherited from her late aunt. "I don't wear jewellery," explained Barbara Eagles, "so it was an easy decision to come down to the Roadshow to sell it". She was very excited when she was able to walk away with a cheque for over $2,100 for jewellery she was never going to wear anyway.

Expert Elijah Gold explains, "We have noticed a substantial increase in the amount of precious metals such as gold and silver coming to the Roadshow, which makes sense considering how high it's currently trading at. He added, "The Roadshow is great because it puts money in people's pockets, especially during such hard times. Lots of items that are just sitting around collecting dust in basements and jewellery boxes can be exchanged for money, on the spot!"

At another Roadshow event, a woman, named Mira Kovalchek, walked in with a tin full of hundreds of old coins that were given to her as a young child by her grandfather. She finally decided to come in to the Roadshow and see what he had given her. She was ecstatic to learn she had coins dating back to the late 1800's, some of which were extremely rare. Roadshow consultant Perry Bruce explains "We had uncovered an 1871 Queen Victoria 50 Cent piece, valued at over $2,000!! She had a nice assortment of coins that were not rare dates, but she was able to sell them for their silver content". She explains, "I never would have thought that my old tin of coins was worth so much! I can finally afford to renovate my kitchen". Perry Bruce continued, "Canadian coins prior to 1967, and American coins prior to 1964 are all made with silver, and we have noticed a large increase of customers coming to the Roadshow with coins and cashing them in for their silver value".

Experts at the Roadshow will evaluate and examine your items, FREE OF CHARGE, as well as educate you on them. The Roadshow sees hundreds of people during a one week event, and they have been travelling across Canada to different cities and towns, searching for your forgotten treasures.

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A man brought in a 1950's Marx TinToy Robot, in fairly good condition, still in its original box. They were able to locate a collector for that specific toy within minutes, and that gentleman went home with over $700 for his Toy Robot and a few other small toys.

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Police board, union reach tentative contract

Deal comes about six months after formal talks broke off

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A tentative labour agreement has been reached with unionized police employees, weeks before an arbitrator was scheduled to step in.

The London Police Association's 800 members are expected to vote on the four-year contract proposal Tuesday and Thursday, president Rick Robson said. About 600 of the union's members are police officers, the remainder are office employees, including dispatchers.

Details of the proposal have not been released, but Robson said he's heard at least some positive feedback from the association's members.

"Our recommendation is that they ratify. Generally, we're pleased with the outcome," he said.

Michael Deeb, chairman of the police services board, said the agreement was reached Monday. Formal talks between the parties broke off this summer but there have been some discussions in the meantime, Deeb said.

The union has been without a contract since Dec. 31, 2010.

"(This) is good for the service and good for the city."
MICHAEL DEEB, CHAIRMAN
LONDON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

"I've said all along that I don't want to go to arbitration," Deeb said Tuesday. "This deal is a good deal for the men and women of the service, and it's a good deal for the city."

It's unclear if the agreement will be finalized before city council votes Feb. 21 on the 2012 budget. The proposed police budget — which accounts for a big part of city hall spending — sits at $88 million right now and includes an expected three per cent wage hike for union employees.

The proposal is about 0.7 per cent higher than parameters set by city council and a wage increase below what was expected after arbitration cuts help cut that number.

Robson said wages weren't "the real sticking point" in contract talks. One of the main issues, he said, was a union push for more two-officer patrols.

Mr. Maintenance

▶ The LED display outside the John Labatt Centre went dark Tuesday as the venue's staff tinkered with the sign's electronics. The maintenance work was needed to fix a panel damaged by "standard wear-and-tear," a JLC spokesman said.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

He saw a sign ... that needed fixing

A maintenance worker spent a portion of the afternoon lurking over downtown in a cherry picker, at one point taking a square of the sign to ground level before making a final repair that had lights back on a short time later. Chris Campbell, spokesman for the JLC, said the work was part of general maintenance, usually required once a year to replace a damaged panel.

1 news

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Ferry service eyed for Erie crossing

Cleveland and Port Stanley discuss a possible partnership Focus will be on tourism, not business

Lake Erie passenger ferries would carry tourists and a limited number of trucks between Cleveland and Port Stanley, possibly as early as next year, under a plan being discussed by port officials on the two sides of the U.S.-Canada border.

The service would likely start as a two-year trial and would be geared primarily toward taking people and cars across the lake, the Plain Dealer reported.

"Port Stanley told us right off the bat they don't want a lot of trucks," said William Friedman, president of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority. "They see their future as more tourism, less industrial type of activities."

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The number of estimated hours a ferry ride between Cleveland and Port Stanley would take. Prices and other details have not been determined.

Cleveland-to-Port-Stanley ferry service has been talked about for years.

This time, Friedman's agency and authorities in Canada have asked vessel management company HMS Global Maritime, of New Albany, Ind., to study the viability of the plan.

Similar ferry service between Toronto and Rochester, N.Y., was plagued by mechanical and marketing problems and failed in 2006.

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Peaceful. Project

▶ Mayor Joe Fontana talks about fighting violence Tuesday during an announcement about the Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration's Family Honour Project.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Putting an end to 'honour' violence

The program aims to end "honour-related" domestic violence and family violence in the broader community. The Honour Project officially launched in the Muslim community last week and was announced to the community at-large Tuesday at the University of Western Ontario. Western's Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children is one of many partners in the effort. Also pictured are, from left, CeaseFire liaison Norman Kerr, Muslim Resource Centre board member Saleha Khan and Mohammed Baobaid, the centre's executive director.

Lightning coach fined, suspended

London Lightning coach Michael Ray Richardson has been suspended for one game and fined an undisclosed amount for a verbal incident against the Halifax Rainmen on Jan. 19 at the JLC.

Richardson will miss the Feb. 5 game against Oshawa. METRO

Contraband cigarettes up in smoke

RCMP have seized 75,000 contraband cigarettes, cash and a vehicle from a southeast home.

A 63-year-old London man has been charged with possession of a tobacco product not properly stamped and possession of proceeds of crime.

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Water fluoridation up for debate

People can weigh in on a discussion about ending the practice of adding fluoride to city water Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall.

Civic works committee members are then expected to recommended any further action on the issue. METRO

Woman wakes from coma

The family of a Calgary woman who was severely beaten in Mexico says she emerged from a medically induced coma Monday and recognized her husband at her bedside.

Paul Giles said doctors in Mexico revived his sister, Sheila Nabb, three days after she suffered a brutal beating at a luxury hotel.

Her brother said that when she awoke Monday, she wasn't able to speak because doctors had wired her mouth shut. But Giles said she recognized her husband, Andrew Nabb, and was responsive.

Giles said she is set to undergo facial reconstructive surgery Wednesday or Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Sheila Nabb and her husband Andrew in an undated family photo.

Sex killer's wife to fight appeal of media ban

Opening divorce proceedings to the public would cause Russell Williams' wife more harm than she has already experienced: Lawyer

Ontario's top court is granting an appeal of a sweeping publication ban on the divorce of convicted sex killer Russell Williams.

But most of the provisions of the ban will remain in effect for 14 days so that Williams' estranged wife can take steps to challenge the decision if she wishes, according to the 28-page decision released Tuesday by the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Mary Jane Binks, the Ottawa lawyer representing Williams' wife, said her client will ask to take the matter to the country's highest court. A lower-court judge had banned publication of details about the former colonel's wife including her name and address. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fighting the ban

The ban was challenged by a coalition of news agencies, including the Ottawa Citizen, the Ottawa Sun, CTV, CBC and Global TV.

- Richard Dearden, who represents the media groups, called it an "important decision for freedom of the press."
- "There's a real public interest in knowing how the court is going to divide assets, like Mr. Williams' military pension, and what's going to be left over for Mr. Williams' victims to seek to enforce any judgments they will get against him in their lawsuits against him," he said.

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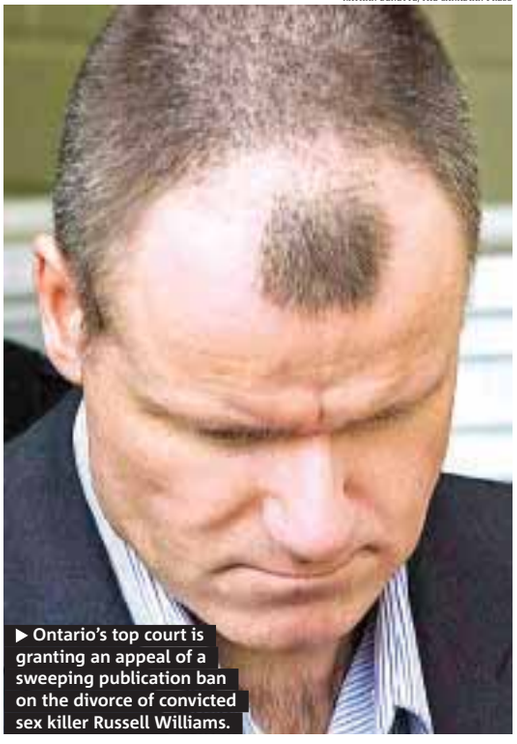

▶ Ontario's top court is granting an appeal of a sweeping publication ban on the divorce of convicted sex killer Russell Williams.

'America is back'

President Barack Obama says "America is back" as a world power.

The president gave a flag-waving defence of American power and influence Monday night as part of his State of the Union address. He said world opinions about the U.S. are on the rise, and he calls America the "indispensable nation" in world affairs.

He talked about extending new ties and influence toward Asia, while claiming that old alliances in Europe and elsewhere are stronger than ever. Obama also cited the example of Iran, where with U.S. prompting much of the world is now united in applying sanctions over Iran's disputed nuclear program. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

Bandit hurt his own case: Docs

Federal court documents say the "Barefoot Bandit" ridiculed police and prosecutors in emails he sent from prison, undercutting his claims that he's sorry for his two-year crime spree. He bragged that his accomplishments were "amazing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B.C. commune wants tax break

The leader of a B.C. polygamous commune on trial for suspected tax evasion says money earned by his followers is used in the community. Winston Blackmore says his community deserves special religious tax status. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in pictures

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1 A platform carrying a crane and other equipment hitched itself to the toppled Costa Concordia on Tuesday, signalling the start of operations to remove a half-million gallons of fuel before it leaks into the sea.

2 In his annual communications message released Tuesday, Pope Benedict XVI extolled the sounds of silence. He said a little bit of quiet makes people better listeners and better communicators.

3 An anti-government protester holds a poster depicting Romania's President Traian Basescu, right, and former communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu that reads "There is one left," in Bucharest Tuesday.

4 A model in a flower dress walks through the fair halls at the international trade fair for plants in the city of Essen, Germany, Tuesday.

5 Internet activists protest against the international copyright agreement ACTA (Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement) in front of the European Parliament office in Warsaw, Poland, Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ From left, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. David Johnston stand on stage during the opening ceremony at the Crown-First Nations Gathering in Ottawa on Tuesday.

PM, chiefs at odds over Indian Act

Harper has no plans to repeal legislation But many native leaders see it as an obstacle to change

What was billed as a historic coming together of the federal government and First Nations began with the two sides polarized over the future of the Indian Act.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper sees it as something that can be updated to reflect modern practices.

But Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, led a parade of speakers who described the century-old legislation as a boulder blocking the path to collaboration.

"After 136 years, that tree has deep roots. Blowing up the stump would just leave a big hole."
PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER ON THE INDIAN ACT

They laid out their views in back-to-back speeches Tuesday during a major meeting of First Nations leaders and government ministers and officials.

The Indian Act, first passed in 1876, gave Ottawa exclusive jurisdiction over "Indians and Lands Reserved for Indians." The legislation, which was last amended in 2000, sets out rules on everything from how reserves operate to the effect of marriage on status.

Calling the Indian Act "an act of neo-colonialism," Jody Wilson-Raybould, regional chief of B.C., said Canada's natives require "core governance reform." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Theories not enough: Defence

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▶ Mohammad Shafia

There are simply too many unknowns to be able to convict a man of four counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his daughters and wife, a jury in Ontario heard Tuesday in a case prosecutors allege is a so-called honour killing.

The Crown alleges Mohammad Shafia, 58, one of his two wives and their son killed Shafia's three daughters and other wife. The bodies were found June 30, 2009, in a car at the bottom of a canal in Kingston, but the Crown did not present evidence specifically detailing how it believes the four died.

The Crown has suggested it believes the four were dead before the car plunged into the water, but in his closing address Tuesday Shafia's lawyer told the jury they can't rely on theories.

Court has heard evidence it appears the four females made no attempt to escape the car through an open window, and the bodies were found eerily suspended inside.
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Women's groups condemn tabloids

U.K. inquiry moves from hacking to the portrayal of women in media ◗ New press regulation considered

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▶ Object campaigner Anna Van Heeswijk on the cover of the Guardian's magazine, The Observer.

Britain's inquiry into media ethics shifted its focus away from phone hacking Tuesday to look into how women are portrayed in U.K. newspapers.

Women's-rights campaigners told the inquiry that newspapers treat women as sex objects and mis-report cases of rape and domestic violence.

Anna Van Heeswijk, of women's-campaign group Object, said that sexualized images of topless or skimpily clad women in British tabloid newspapers damage the way young women think of their appearances and lifestyles.

She said anyone who complained about the newspapers' use of these images in turn was vilified, and pointed to how The Sun newspaper called lawmaker Clare Short "fat, jealous" when she tried to stop the tabloid from printing a daily photograph of a topless woman on page 3.

"Clearly the effect has been to close down free speech in relation to groups and individuals making a critique against these newspapers," Van Heeswijk said.

Marai Larasi of campaign group End Violence Against Women said newspaper stories about attacks on women often focused on their actions, implying that somehow they had provoked their attackers. She said newspaper reports about a woman murdered by her husband after she announced a separation on social networking site Facebook focused on her actions and not her husband's violence.

"The fact that it became known as a Facebook murder is symbolic," she said. "It was the murder of a real woman by her partner."

Prime Minister David Cameron set up the media ethics inquiry after revelations that Rupert Murdoch's News of the World newspaper had illegally listened to mobile phone voice mails of celebrities, politicians and crime victims. The inquiry, led by Judge Brian Leveson, is hearing suggestions for new forms of press regulation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ECONOMIC CRISIS

IMF cuts Canada's growth forecasts

Canada's recovery is being dragged down by a cascading crisis in Europe and weakening conditions elsewhere, the International Monetary Fund suggests in its latest economic outlook.

The monitor of global financial affairs said Tuesday that Canada's economy will likely now grow by only 1.7 per cent, more than half a point below 2011's 2.3 per cent advance. The forecast is three notches lower than the Bank of Canada's estimate last week. Unlike the central bank, which predicts 2.8 per cent expansion in 2013, it says Canada's recovery will be just two per cent.

That still tops among G7 countries for the two years combined, but only because the other six members will be hit even harder by the EU crisis. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. TUESDAY

TSX	Dollar
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JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR — THEY'RE CATS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

OK, class, today's question:

How did we get from seeing eye dogs to emotional support animals?

Air Canada is trying to figure out how to accommodate people who insist on taking their cats on the plane and at the same time protect people who are allergic to cats.

They forgot to ask me, but the answer is obvious. Tell people to leave Kitty at home.

I have nothing against cats, but referring to them as "emotional support animals" and thereby elevating them to the status of seeing eye dogs is a stretch and a clear sign that the entitlement society needs to cough up a hairball and get real.

I realize I'm treading on wafer-thin ice, but if you want an emotional support animal, get a golden retriever. They love everybody, almost as much as they love food, and are happy to see you, especially if you come with food.

"And shame on Air Canada for knuckling under. I like peanuts, but the airline had no difficulty depriving me of the tasty legume in order to protect other passengers from anaphylactic shock. As if?"

Cats, on the other hand, barely notice other species that aren't dinner. They may crawl into your lap and go to sleep, but only because it's a warm place to go to sleep. They don't discriminate, as anyone who has ever awakened to find a cat sleeping on their face can tell you.

But, even if Kitty loves you, why return the favour by stuffing Kitty in a tiny box and making her fly economy?

(Just to make it clear. I'm an equal opportunity curmudgeon: The same goes for shih tzus and the like. Leave your adorable mutt at home in the care of a kompetent kennel.)

What's really annoying is this tendency to escalate beyond all reason. It's one thing to feel the urge to take Kitty to visit Aunt Bossy in Halifax, quite another to declare Kitty an "emotional support animal," raising her companionship to the level of ersatz human right. Right.

And shame on Air Canada for knuckling under. I like peanuts, but the airline had no difficulty depriving me of the tasty legume in order to protect other passengers from anaphylactic shock. As if?

Air Canada needs to know I'm addicted to peanuts. Once I start, I can't stop. Without peanuts, I'll never make it to Halifax. Those little cracker thingies don't fill the bill; I require emotional-support nuts.

And if I don't get them, I'll complain to my friendly neighbourhood Human Rights Commission, which never met a complaint it didn't like.

Then, I'm going into hiding.

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Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?

56% NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

44% NEW YORK GIANTS

Local tweets

- **@LindzLipp:** Wine at #Starbucks? Wish they were testing that in #ldnont!
- **@TammyLeeMarche:** Makes sense #ldnont is #3 for most vulgar tweets.Many are discouraged and the resulting negative perspectives need expression. #getoverit
- **@mackenzielemire:** Holy hemroids Batman, it smells like maple bacon at #Fanshawe.
- **@CodyMclean:** My teacher's computer isn't working. Can accounting please be cancelled? #yeahright #uwo
- **@megfrench_:** bought a tea on campus today, then they tried to charge me for refilling my cup with hot water... really #uwo? really?? #cheap
- **@valoasis:** If we can't have a #snowday here in #Ldnont can we at least have a #solarstorm day?!
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Itsy-bitsy spiders — hard at work

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Spider silk cape put on display

LONDON. This may not fit arachnophobes!

A golden cape created from silk spun by more than a million spiders goes on display at London's Victoria and Albert Museum.

The hand-woven garment took more than four years to make from the silk of 1.2 million female golden orb spiders, native to Madagascar. MWN

▶ Makers say spider silk is lighter than normal silk.

"We wanted to make something (in which) you'd feel cocooned like a spider web. ... There is a strange dichotomy between the repulsive and 'poetic' in spiders."
SIMON PEERS, TEXTILE EXPERT AND CO-CREATOR

How 80 people collected silk

PROCESS. To create the textiles, spiders are collected each morning and harnessed in 'silking' devices.

Trained handlers take out the silk from 24 spiders at a time.

Unlike mulberry silk from silkworms, in which the pupa is killed in its cocoon, the spiders are returned to the wild at the end of the day. MWN

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Winners and losers

Even before awards night, there are clearly some overlooked films heading into the Oscar season But there are a few big surprises, some odd nods and Canadian talent in the mix

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

In the first year where the number of Best Picture nominees can be anywhere between five and 10, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences settled on nine Tuesday morning, with The Artist, The Descendants, Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close, The Help, Hugo, Midnight in Paris, Moneyball, The Tree of Life and War Horse doing battle for the big prize. Here's a look at the winners and losers heading into Oscar season.

BIGGEST WINNERS

Martin Scorcese's delightful Hugo garnered the most nominations with 11, with popular favourite The Artist right behind at 10. Stephen Spielberg's War Horse and David Fincher's The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo received six and five nominations, respectively, though neither made it into the Best Director category. But the biggest winner of is Bridesmaids — and comedy in general — with the raunchy box office hit pulling in nominations for Best Adapted Screenplay as well as Best Supporting Actress for Melissa McCarthy.

Local talent

Canadians at the Oscars

- **Nominations** Toronto-born, Montreal-raised acting legend Christopher Plummer nabbed a Best-Supporting Actor nomination for Beginners.
- **Score** Toronto-born composer Howard Shore is up for best score for Hugo.
- **Language** Philippe Falardeau's Monsieur Lazhar is nominated for best foreign-language film.
- **Short** Montreal's Patrick Doyon is up for best animated film for his short Dimanche/Sunday. Meanwhile, Calgary-based filmmakers Amanda Forbis and Wendy Tilby are in the running for their Prairie-based picture Wild Life.
- **Mixing** Welland, Ont.-raised David Giammarco hit a home run with a nomination for best sound mixing for Moneyball.

BIGGEST LOSERS

The biggest omission seems to be in the Best Animated Feature race, which Spielberg's The Adventures of Tintin has been winning handily at other awards shows. But the European favourite didn't earn a mention in this category. Outside of animation, Clint Eastwood's Oscar-bait misfire J. Edgar failed to earn a single nomination.

BIGGEST SURPRISES

The pair of nominations for Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close — Best Picture and Best Supporting Actor — seemed to come out of nowhere, as the film hasn't made an impact in any other awards races.

A Better Life star Demián Bichir, who also earned a Screen Actors Guild nomination for his outstanding performance, is a welcome surprise that will hopefully bring attention to an amazing but overlooked drama.

And while Iran's A Separation is unstoppable in the Foreign Language category, many expected Angelina Jolie's In the Land of Blood and Honey to at least garner a nomination, as it did at the Golden Globes.

METRO'S PREDICTIONS

Best Picture: Whether we like it or not, it's the year of the Artist.

Best Actor: A Gary Oldman win would be delicious, but it will likely be George Clooney. Not that that's a bad thing.

Best Actress: Despite some impressive competition, Meryl Streep has it in the bag.

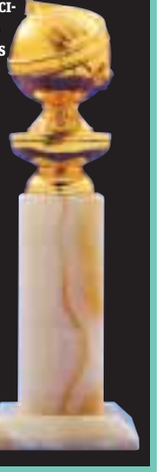
Best Supporting Actor: Christopher Plummer will take home the sole Oscar for the fantastic Beginners.

Best Supporting Actress: While a Melissa McCarthy nomination is exciting, it's between Octavia Spencer and the ubiquitous Jessica Chastain, though our money's on Spencer.

2 scene

Court

A trial to decide the broadcast rights of the Golden Globe Awards is set to start after a judge and attorneys resolved last-minute issues concerning witnesses and exhibits. U.S. District Judge A. Howard Matz urged attorneys to streamline the case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Teen star Keke Palmer moves on from Nickelodeon with a more adult role in 'Joyful Noise'

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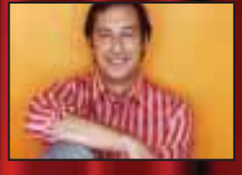

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IN FOCUS

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This Christmas I got a book titled The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook.

Contained within were tidbits of information on how to survive shark attack, a volcano eruption, even what do when the pilot passes out leaving you to land the plane.

It's an interesting read, but I am a visual person and have learned much more about survival from watching movies than from the pages of this book.

From this weekend's The Grey, a man versus nature tale starring Liam Neeson, I learned that empty airplane booze bottles can be broken, wedged between your fingers and repurposed as Wolverine-style knuckles of death.

Hopefully I'll never have to use that trick, but it is just one of many lessons learned at the movies.

Alive, the story of Uruguay's rugby team whose plane crashed in the middle of the Andes mountains, I learned that cannibalism is a good way to stave off hunger pangs.

A similar lesson was taught in the Robert Redford film Jeremiah Johnson, based on a real-life trapper named John Johnston, nicknamed "Liver Eater Johnston" for his habit for cutting out and eating the livers of men he killed.

From the true-to-life mountain climbing movies 127 Hours and Touching the Void, I learned perseverance.

In the former a man is wedged literally between a rock and a hard place. To get free he cuts off his own arm with a pocketknife. Now that's stick-to-itiveness! The latter sees a man with a severely broken leg crawling his way out of a deep crevice to safety.

From Cast Away, Tom Hanks's stranded-on-a-desert-isle movie, I learned how to build a raft from a portable toilet, and how, in lieu of friends, a soccer ball with a bloody handprint can be man's best friend.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ A scene from The Grey, which opens Friday.

Should you find yourself stranded on a snowshoer mountain top think back to the Lance Henriksen movie Survival Quest; not only does it teach viewers to forage for food and raft raging waters, but also how to dig an ice cave to survive the bitter cold.

In case of a zombie attack the classic George A. Romero movies teach us all we need to know. Remember the rhyme: "Shoot the living dead in the head."

Should you find yourself in mortal combat with a monster, another tip learned from dozens of other horror films suggests that once you've slain the creature, don't double check to make sure its really dead.

"From this weekend's The Grey, a man versus nature tale starring Liam Neeson, I learned that empty airplane booze bottles can be broken, wedged between your fingers and repurposed as Wolverine-style knuckles of death."

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I saw mommy kissing ... 10 guys in a hot tub

Emily Maynard becomes the first single mom to star on the Bachelorette

THE WORD

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Here's the thing about The Bachelor and The Bachelorette: If you want to put yourself in a ridiculous situation by vying for the "love" of some stranger while a group of other similarly-dressed people do the same on national TV, that's fine. You are a (semi) rational adult and that's your weird bag. However, it's when kids are involved that I get the heebie-jeebies.

It was announced yesterday that Emily Maynard, the 25-year-old single mom who was the chosen one on The Bachelor with Brad Womack, but then broke up with him shortly thereafter, will now be the star of the eighth season of The Bachelorette.

Although there is no word on what kind of role Maynard's six-year-old daughter will play in the series, the ABC press releases are quick to point out that Maynard is the first single mom to star in the series. Maynard's little girl also appeared on The Bachelor.

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▶ Emily Maynard is the new Bachelorette.

But isn't it confusing enough for little children when their parents date multiple people/make-out half-dressed in hot tubs without being on network TV?

Look. It's great that single moms can be on The Bachelorette.

In fact, the series needs to broaden their casting net — more single moms! More single dads!

How about single granddads? Heck, what about a contestant who isn't white? But isn't it confusing enough for little children when their parents date multiple people/make out half-dressed in hot tubs without being on network TV?

Let's hope ABC won't showboat the little girl for ratings, like they did with single dad Jason Mesnick's then four-year-old son Ty on The Bachelor.

Let's leave that poor parenting to Teen Mom, shall we?

Talking points

Berry's ex charged with endangering her child

KEEP COOL Gabriel Aubry, Halle Berry's ex-boyfriend and the father of her daughter, is reportedly being investigated for criminal child endangerment and battery, according to TMZ. Law enforcement sources say Aubry allegedly shoved his nanny into a door while she was holding his and Berry's three-year-old daughter, Nahla.

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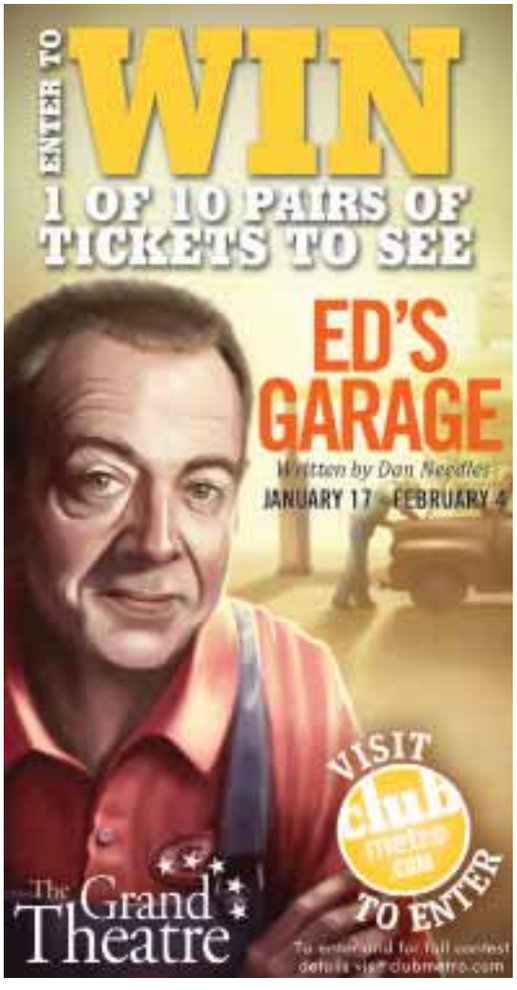
Celebrity tweets

@Paris Hilton

"Had fun at Sundance, just got back to LA. I will be posting some iPhone pics from my trip soon. Stay tuned..."



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3 life

Four must try spa trends

From sound therapy to family-friendly spas, there are plenty of fresh treatments to test out

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▶ Disney's family resort and spa Aulani in Hawaii.

1 Family Affair

More spas are accommodating adults and kids together. "The new thing is that it's the family. People want to go with their children to spas. Not all of them, of course. Some want to go without," said Susie Ellis, president of the online spa portal SpaFinder. "We're seeing now the spas responding and very much making it more of a welcome place for kids." Ellis predicts more will reconsider age restrictions. Kid-specific spas are also on the rise, Ellis said.

COQOON SPA AT INDIGO PEARL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ 'The Nest' at Coqoon Spa in Phuket.

3 Extra wow factor

Some spas are trying to wow and woo with unusual, eye-popping decor that defies traditional minimalism. In Thailand, a luxurious rainforest wicker treehouse, 'The Nest,' serves as a private spa suite suspended from tree branches at the Coqoon Spa at Indigo Pearl in Phuket.

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▶ While music used to be an ambient afterthought in spas, it's now an integral part of many treatments.

2 Colour, Light, Music, Vibration

Incorporating them as ambient afterthoughts is nothing new for the spa industry.

Now they're 'becoming the main event,' a report from SpaFinder said. One innovation is software that creates real-time music, tones, beats and other sounds like wind rustling and rivers to beats generated by a therapist's movements in tandem with the client's bodily responses during massages, SpaFinder said.

The client leaves with a CD of the 'well-being music-art' they helped create.

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▶ Spa expos are one place to learn about new therapies.

4 Cold and ice

With saunas, steam rooms, Whirlpool baths and rock massages, spas have traditionally used heat to destress and detoxify, but the industry is taking a cue from the Romans, who more than 2,000 years ago finished spa-like experiences with a trip to the 'frigidarium.' Look for more ice therapies and cold rooms alternated with hot treatments to reduce pain and inflammation in muscles and joints, Ellis said. At ESPA locations around the world, clients can scoop ice crystals from fountains to rub down after saunas. At the Qua Baths & Spa in Caesars Palace Las Vegas, visitors can head to the 'arctic ice room' to sit amid falling snow as a more gentle transition from heat and steam than the usual cold plunge into a pool.

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Travel in brief

Over the decades, The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, The Grateful Dead, U2 and hundreds of other acts have played the legendary outdoor stage at Red Rocks Amphitheatre, nestled between two 91-metre sandstone monoliths in the Rocky Mountains foothills outside Denver. On Jan. 27, the hip-hop group Atmosphere and Grammy-winning rapper Common, shown, are headlining the venue's first concert in the middle of winter.

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Haida exhibition produced by three Canadian museums to tour Europe.

Sandwich that chicken breast

This lunch boasts the picante flavour of curry, which works well with chicken Adding a dash of orange juice helps to fight colds

Looking for a new idea for your lunch that will help to keep that winter cold away?

This tasty chicken sandwich sings of orange flavour with a hint of curry, which makes for a perfect twist to a sandwich classic, with added health benefits.

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This recipe serves four.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) diced red onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 12 oz (375 g) boneless skinless chicken breasts, diced (about 2 breasts)
- 2 tsp (10 mL) curry powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each ground coriander/turmeric
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cornstarch
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) Florida orange juice
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) 0 % plain Greek yogurt
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh coriander
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) mango chutney
- Pinch each salt and pepper
- 2 large naan breads
- 1 cup (250 mL) baby spinach

Preparation:

1. In skillet heat oil over medium-high heat and cook onion and garlic for 3 minutes or until starting to soften. Add chicken, curry powder, coriander and turmeric; cook, stirring for 2 minutes. Whisk cornstarch into orange juice and add to skillet; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside.
2. Remove from heat and stir in yogurt, coriander, chutney, salt and pepper.
3. Spread mixture over 1 naan bread and top with spinach. Top with other naan and cut in quarters to serve.

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Drink of the week

Triple Shots of Flavour

Looking for a way to serve up a fun non-alcoholic drink? Try these shooters.

- Fresh cucumber
- Watermelon
- Ginger
- Sparkling water

On tray, place 3 shot glasses (2 oz each). Using small melon baller make 3 balls of cucumber, 3 balls of watermelon, 3 balls of ginger. Place fruit balls in glasses, then pour cold sparkling water over fruit. Allow to infuse 1 min. Bubbles will extract the fresh fruit flavours. SOCIETEPERRIER.COM

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STUDENT VOICE

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Ceilidh Millar and CTV host Lloyd Robertson.

As a first-year media communications student, here's the scoop.

The holidays are over and I'm back at school. During the break, I had a chance to catch up with friends who were home from university. By all accounts, they're having the time of their lives. They regaled me with stories about cool parties, wild weekend trips and antics of living in residence.

OK, am I missing something here? My post-secondary experience has been the exact opposite. Long days of classes, evenings and weekends filled with assignments and studying… pure slog!

Forget about those wild dorm parties. In my dorm there's complete silence by 9 p.m. — everyone is in their room studying or passed out from exhaustion!

I found my first end-of-semester experience overwhelming! Eight finals in four days...brutal! I spent my evenings at the campus broadcast centre cramming for exams and editing film until three in the morning. Ah, beautiful sleep… is now my idea of fun!

Was I at No Fun Tech? Had I chosen the wrong school?

"Although it may be entertaining to be at Fun Time U, I know the true purpose of college. I believe in post-secondary education that gets you results — the job!"
CEILIDH MILLAR

Over the break, I had time to reflect on why I selected this college in the first place. I chose BCIT because it has a great media communications program.

I wanted a program that focused on practical training in addition to the academics. The program covers both aspects and students can be secure in the knowledge they'll be well prepared to enter the job force. BCIT has one of the best track records of producing top graduates who are sought after by employers.

Although it may be entertaining to be at Fun Time U, I know the true purpose of college. I believe in post-secondary education that gets you results — a job!

BCIT has accelerated programs. Students are basically doing four years in two. My university friends take only four courses a semester, I'm taking eight, resulting in 16 courses a term plus a practicum. Yeah, no wonder I'm tired!

I reminded myself, I'll have two years experience working in the industry by the time my university friends even graduate.

Yes, I definitely made the right decision.

Nobody said it was going to be easy. You know the saying, "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." Well, by the time I graduate, I should be Hercules!

Watch out world!

Ceilidh Millar and George Stroumboulopoulos

Where Ceilidh is now

I'm a first-year Media Communications student in the Broadcast & Online Journalism program at BCIT. An avid volunteer, I am an ambassador for Free The Children. I was appointed their youth reporter at the 2011 Vancouver We Day and co-hosted City TV's coverage of the day-long event. I am also a freelance writer for Vervegirl Magazine and specialize in articles on cause and volunteering.

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Lessons learned

Key take-aways from Ceilidh's experience:

- Choose programs and courses that offer hands-on experience to get ahead of your peers
- Pursue volunteer opportunities in your field to network and gain valuable skills

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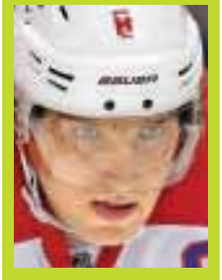

"My heart is not there. I got suspended so why do I have to go there?"

WASHINGTON CAPITALS FORWARD ALEX OVECHKIN, WHO HAS DECIDED HE WON'T PARTICIPATE IN THIS WEEKEND'S ALL-STAR GAME BECAUSE OF A THREE-GAME SUSPENSION HANDED TO HIM BY THE NHL EARLIER THIS WEEK.

"Given the circumstances involved, we understand Mr. Ovechkin's decision in this regard and have no intention of pursuing this matter further."

NHL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BILL DALY IN A STATEMENT.

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Leafs. Victory

▶ Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf chases Islanders centre John Tavares Tuesday night in Uniondale, N.Y.

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Leafs complete sweep of Islanders

Clarke MacArthur's second goal of the game at 2:06 of overtime lifted Toronto over the New York Islanders, 4-3, on Tuesday night, giving the Maple Leafs a sweep of the home-and-home series. MacArthur took a feed from Mikhail Grabovski and slid the puck into goalie Al Montoya's glove, which was inside the net. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fat paycheque for Prince

Fielder and Tigers agree to nine-year contract worth $214 million US, source says

Free agent first baseman Prince Fielder and the Detroit Tigers agreed Tuesday on a nine-year, $214 million US contract that fills the AL Central champions' need for a power hitter, a person familiar with the deal said.

CBS first reported the agreement.

The person told The Associated Press that the deal was subject to a physical. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract was not yet complete.

Detroit boldly stepped up in the Fielder sweepstakes after the recent knee injury to star Victor Martinez. A week ago, the Tigers announced that the productive designated hitter could miss the entire season after tearing his left ACL during off-season conditioning.

The Tigers won their division by 15 games before losing in the AL championship series to Texas.

Adding the 27-year-old Fielder gives the Tigers two of the game's premier sluggers, pairing him with Miguel Cabrera.

With Cabrera and Fielder, Detroit will begin this season with two players under age 30 with at least 200 career homers. According to STATS LLC, that's happened only once before. At the start of the 1961 season, the Milwaukee Braves featured 29-year-old Eddie Matthews (338 homers) and 27-year-old Hank Aaron (219).

Fielder has averaged 40 homers and 113 RBIs over the past five years.

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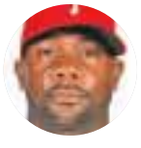
Among current players, Fielder's new yearly average pay would be the fifth highest in the major leagues.

Alex Rodriguez, Yankees
$27.5 million,



Ryan Howard, Phillies
$25 million

Cliff Lee, Phillies
$24 million

Albert Pujols, Angels
$24 million

Prince Fielder, Tigers
$23.78 million

Morrow, Jays agree to three-year deal

Brandon Morrow and the Toronto Blue Jays didn't need to rely on a third party to come to terms after all.

Morrow has signed a three-year, $20-million US deal with the Blue Jays to avoid an arbitration hearing. Toronto also has a $10-million club option for the 2015 season.

Morrow had asked for $4.2 million in arbitration after posting an 11-11 record in 2011 with a 4.72 ERA and 203 strikeouts over 179⅓ innings. Toronto countered with a $3.9 million offer to the six-foot-three, 196-pound right-hander.

Prior to exchanging salary figures, Toronto GM Alex Anthopoulos left the door open to a potential long-term deal with Morrow but said the club was also fine with meeting with an arbitrator to finalize contract details.

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Brandon Morrow conducts a phone interview on Tuesday.

At a hastily called news conference Tuesday, Morrow said he had no fear about the prospect of going to an arbitration hearing and was actually looking forward to the process.

"To be honest, I'm interested in things like that," he told reporters at Rogers Centre. "I think the whole process and mini-court situation is actually interesting to me and a little intriguing.

"But I was much happier to be able to work on the multi-year (deal) with Alex."

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Fuel miser

The Skyactiv's performance is achieved from a higher-than-usual 12.0:1 compression ratio. Normally this would necessitate a premium-gasoline diet, but changes to the fuel management and engine design allow it to burn lower-octane — and less expensive — regular fuel.

The Skyactiv's six-speed automatic is the real fuel miser here with a consumption rating of 7.1 l/100 km city and 4.9 highway.

That's a major improvement over the 8.7/6.0 rating of the five-speed-automatic/base-2.0 combo.

Peppier ride

A few hundred kilometres of seat time confirms that the nature of the Mazda3 has changed for the better.

Although hardly a rocket ship (check out the 263-horsepower Mazdaspeed3 if that's your pleasure), the new model drives in a much sportier manner and certainly feels peppier.

Engine

Compared to the standard Mazda3, there's a revised — as in more aerodynamic — nose and tail. There's also a new Skyactiv 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine that's brimming with high-tech tricks.

It produces 155 horsepower and 148 pound-feet of torque. The base non-Skyactiv 2.0-litre engine makes 148 horsepower and 135 pound-feet of torque and is only available in base of the sedan. The optional 167-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder also carries over in both sedan and hatch.

▶ The Mazda3 is broken into two camps for 2012: standard carryover tech from 2011; and the upgraded platform with the new powertrain available in sedan and hatchback. Skyactiv is not an engine or an option package, but rather a whole different car.

Forget hybrids: Mazda's not giving up on gas

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It's common for automakers to give labels to their more fuel-efficient offerings, whether that efficiency is real or perceived. It's marketing and sales at its finest.

There's Ford's EcoBoost line of engines as well as Chevrolet's Ecotec and eAssist. And of course there's Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive electric/gas system.

Mazda, however, has taken the name game one step further by branding a whole car with its new "Skyactiv" magic wand.

The rationale behind this approach is straightforward. Mazda thinks traditional gasoline and diesel engines will remain the most popular form of automotive propulsion for the next few years. It therefore makes sense to continue refining those powerplants to be more efficient rather than spending millions of dollars on alternative-fuel vehicles, which make up a tiny slice of the pie.

Fair enough, but the reality is that other manufacturers are also refining internal combustion while still finding the resources to explore hybrids and electrics. Just look at the Chevrolet Volt. But what you won't read elsewhere is that Skyactiv is really a wholesale approach to a better driving experience with a reengineered chassis, transmissions and steering.

Fuel economy is just one aspect.

5 drive

By comparison

Ford Focus
Base price: $17,600
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Honda Civic
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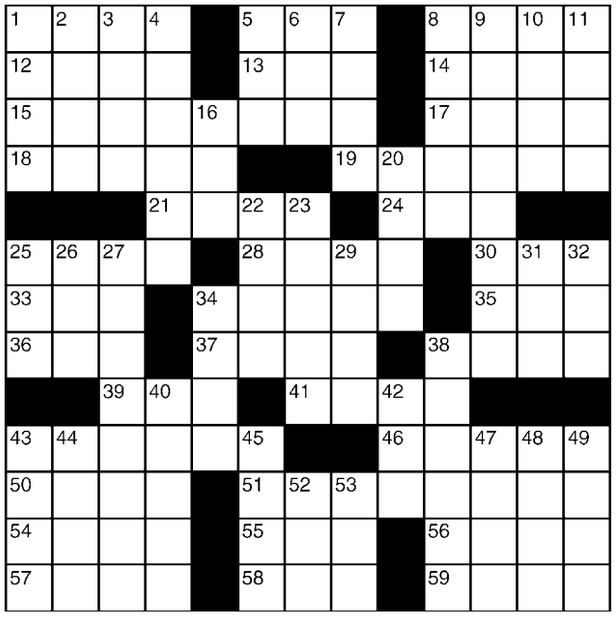

Across

1 Protected
5 Transgression
8 Agile
12 Yoked team
13 Japanese pond carp
14 Hint
15 Making a vow
17 Luau dance
18 Excited
19 Carpentry tool
21 Campus mil. org.
24 Tennis stroke
25 Easy gait
28 Landlord's due
30 A Gershwin brother
33 Piercing tool
34 YouTube upload
35 Sister
36 1980s-90s Chevy subdivision
37 Top
38 Old
39 Bronze
41 Slow-cooker recipe
43 Photo finishes
46 Shortwave or CB
50 Eye part
51 Recent fad requiring one to lie stiff
54 Baseball team
55 Have a bug
56 Satanic
57 Lady —
58 Ball prop
59 Archibald of NBA lore

Down

1 Former frosh
2 Wheelbase terminus
3 Yard trio
4 Last
5 Tackle moguls
6 Charged bit
7 In the offing
8 Jerk
9 Pipes and such
10 Legislate
11 Calendar quota
16 Mailing HQ
20 Choir member
22 Stumble
23 Relinquishes
25 Trail behind
26 Have bills
27 Cabal's work
29 Adjoining
31 Regret
32 Moreover
34 Barn roof adornment
38 Stir
40 Bewildered
42 Coastal eagle
43 Chinese dynasty
44 Met melody
45 Quarrel
47 44-Down singer
48 First ltr.
49 Look longingly
52 Big fib
53 Hearty brew

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	P	E	X		A	H	A		U	R	S	A
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Sudoku

	4			3		6		
				8			5	3
				9	7	2		8
2	5				8		1	
				6				
	7		5				8	4
5		3	2	7				
6	8			5				
		4		1			9	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

4	3	6	1	8	5	7	2	9
9	5	2	7	3	4	8	6	1
8	7	1	2	6	9	4	3	5
3	8	7	5	9	2	6	1	4
6	1	9	8	4	7	2	5	3
2	4	5	6	1	3	9	8	7
1	2	3	4	7	8	5	9	6
5	9	4	3	2	6	1	7	8
7	6	8	9	5	1	3	4	2

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We worked beside each other everyday, I love it. I hope you will see this and we can have a happy ending. I hope tommorow you forget your fork ..so we can share mine again. **TAYLOR**

Welsh Princess, Whereas others boasted of love but without the will to fight to keep it, ours has flourished more so through the hardships that we have faced. Although some problems were simply my own, you stood at my side and fought them with me. One other from Fort Sask. talked the talk but couldn't walk the walk. but you are my rock, my eternal love. I'm blessed to have you in my life. Each day I wake up beside you to see that you are an angel asleep on my shoulder. I love you, my love. **HANDSOME**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You seem to be worrying about something that is not worth the hassle. It's best if you let it go.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
The message of the stars is clear: Don't be hasty. You will get your chance to shine early next month.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You'll have to deal with someone's negative emotions today, without becoming negative yourself.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Do you ignore a problem and hope that it will go away? Yes. This is one of those occasions when what looks like a problem really isn't.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Be careful what you say today because if you are not, someone could take it the wrong way.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Look on the bright side today, even if the news you receive is dark. According to the planets, you have little to worry about.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
This is potentially one of the most exciting times of the year, so why are you so fearful that something bad is going to happen?

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Try not to dwell on news, especially if it involves people you care for.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
The signals you are getting from colleagues are jumbled. It might be wise follow your instincts.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You may be logical by nature but right now you are imagining weird and wonderful things. That's OK.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Although you feel confident and full of life, this is probably not a good day to take chances.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
The Sun in Aquarius at this time of year makes you more suspicious than usual but maybe that's no bad thing. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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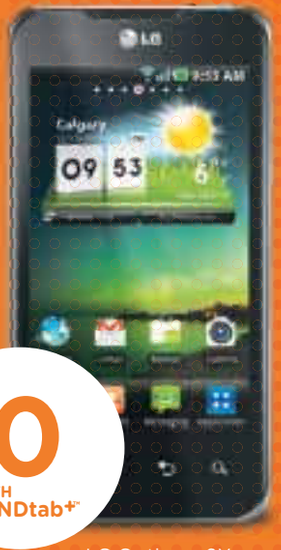

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